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Preface

*Information available
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This reference aid, formatted as a weekly datebook for 1985, shows holidays and anniversary dates of historical events that are of known or potential significance for terrorists or for groups that engage in terrorism. It is intended to alert government analysts and policymakers concerned with terrorism to the potential for political violence as these dates approach.

Certain holidays and anniversaries hold special significance for some terrorist groups—especially those with an ethnic base. Such a group would be likely to time a terrorist operation to coincide with one of these dates.

Although significant dates have been included for almost every country, their citation is not intended to imply that terrorist attacks are to be expected on any of these dates. The dates are intended to serve as reference points should other information begin to accumulate indicating planning for organized violence.

Three types of dates are included:

- National holidays or important historical events.
- Dates of important terrorist attacks or counterterrorist successes.
- Dates known to be important to terrorists or insurgents, such as founding anniversaries, "martyrdoms," and trials.

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December 1984– January 1985

Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents. International terrorist acts involve the citizens or territory of more than one country.

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Monday

Afghanistan	1964	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan founded
Nigeria	1983	Coup overthrows Shagari regime
Philippines	1968	Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

1

Tuesday

Cameroon	1960	Independence Day
Cuba	1959	Liberation Day (day Batista government fell)
Haiti	1804	Independence Day
Palestinians	1965	Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah
Sudan	1956	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
Western Samoa	1962	Independence Day

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Wednesday

Tunisia	1984	Start of countrywide bread riots over removal of subsidies for bread and pasta
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Thursday

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Friday

Armenians	1984	Conviction of US citizen of Armenian descent for assassinating Turkish Consul General in Los Angeles on 28 January 1982
Burma	1948	Independence Day
	1974	Constitution of socialist republic adopted

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Saturday

Laos	1956	Founding of Lao Patriotic Front
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January 1985

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7**Monday****Cambodia****1979****Vietnamese invasion overthrows Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot**

8**Tuesday****South Africa****1912****Founding of African National Congress (ANC)**

9**Wednesday****Panama****1964****Martyrs' Day (day of mourning commemorating anti-US riots)**

10**Thursday**

11**Friday**

Albania	1946	Proclamation of republic
Yugoslavia	1984	Suicide of two ethnic Albanian irredentists in Pristina, Kosovo, to avoid arrest

12**Saturday**

Tanzania	1964	Zanzibar Revolution Day (people's republic established)
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13**Sunday**

Ghana	1972	National Redemption Day (anniversary of coup)
Togo	1967	Liberation Day (military coup)

January 1985

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14**Monday****15****Tuesday**

Egypt	1918	Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
Ireland	1922	Founding of Irish Free State

16**Wednesday**

Benin	1977	Liberation Day; Martyrs' Day (repulsion of invasion by mercenary troops from Gabon)
Iran	1979	Shah-Burning Day (departure of Shah from Iran)

17**Thursday**

Colombia	1974	Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota Museum
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18**Friday**

Egypt, Israel	1974	Disengagement Agreement
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19**Saturday**

20**Sunday**

Guinea-Bissau	1973	National Heroes' Day (commemorating assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of ruling party—PAIGC)
Iran	1981	US Embassy hostages released
United States	1985	Presidential Inauguration Day

January 1985

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21**Monday**

United States 1985 Public celebration of presidential inauguration

22**Tuesday**

Iran 1946 Kurdish Republic Day
 Kurdish regions 1945 Qazi Muhammed uprising
 St. Vincent and the Grenadines 1498 Discovery Day
 Ukraine 1918 Independence Day

23**Wednesday**

24

Thursday

Romania 1859 Union Day

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Friday

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Saturday

India 1950 Republic Day
Romania 1918 Birthday of President Ceausescu
Tunisia 1978 Black Thursday (anniversary of labor riots)

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January- February 1985

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28**Monday**

Australia	1788	Australia Day
Cuba	1853	Birthday of Jose Marti
Italy	1982	Freeing of Red Brigades' captive US Army Brigadier General Dozier
Rwanda	1961	Proclamation of the republic

29**Tuesday****30****Wednesday**

West Germany	1933	Accession to power by Nazi Party
Northern Ireland	1972	Bloody Sunday (13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Derry)

31**Thursday**

Guatemala	1980	The People's Front of 31 January (FP-31), a front organization of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), takes its name from this date, on which some of its members occupied the Spanish Embassy
Nauru	1968	Independence Day

1**Friday**

Iran	1979	Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris
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2**Saturday**

3**Sunday**

February 1985

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4**Monday**

Angola 1961 Beginning of armed struggle against Portugal
 Sri Lanka 1948 Independence Day

5**Tuesday**

Burma 1960 Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Revolution Day
 Colombia 1958 Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

6**Wednesday**

Lebanon 1984 Fall of West Beirut to Muslim militias
 Pakistan 1981 Founding of Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD)

7

Thursday

Grenada

1974

Independence Day

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11**Monday**

Iran	1979	Revolution Day; "Eleventh Dawn" (the 11th day of the revolution is considered the day of victory over the old regime)
Italy, Vatican City	1929	Lateran Treaty signed (governs relationship between Italy (and Vatican City)
Japan		National Foundation Day

12**Tuesday**

Burma	1947	Union Day
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13**Wednesday**

Cyprus	1975	Declaration of establishment of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
Zaire	1961	Death of Patrice Lumumba

14

Thursday

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Friday

Colombia 1966 Death of National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla leader and priest Camilo Torres

16

Saturday

Lithuanian SSR 1918 Independence Day

17

Sunday

Vietnam 1979 Invasion by Chinese troops

February 1985

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18**Monday**

The Gambia 1965 Independence Day

19**Tuesday**

Egypt, Israel 1980 Exchange of ambassadors
 Nepal 1952 King Tribhuan Memorial Day
 Poland 1947 People's republic established

20**Wednesday**

Burma Karen New Year
 Chinese world Lunar New Year (beginning of Chinese year 4683, Year of the Ox)

21**Thursday**

22**Friday**

Qatar	1972	Coup d'etat that brought Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani to power
Romania	1948	Founding of Romanian Workers' Party
St. Lucia	1979	Independence Day

23**Saturday**

Brunei	1984	National Day
Guyana	1970	Republic Day

24**Sunday**

Czechoslovakia	1948	First Communist government
Ghana	1966	Liberation Day (overthrow of Nkrumah)

February- March

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25
Monday

Kuwait	1948	Independence Day
Pakistan	1985	National Assembly elections scheduled
Suriname	1980	Day of Liberation and Renewal

26
Tuesday

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Wednesday

Armenians	1984	Death of terrorist Gouger Migirdic Yanikian of Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA)
Dominican Republic	1844	Independence Day
Western Sahara	1976	Anniversary of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (Polisario government-in-exile)

28**Thursday**

El Salvador	1977	Founding of the Popular League of 28 February (LP-28), commemorating the killing by security forces of leftists demonstrating in San Salvador against alleged election fraud
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1**Friday**

Bulgaria	1878	Independence Day
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2**Saturday**

El Salvador	1972	Founding of People's Revolutionary Army (ERP)
Libya	1977	Establishment of Jamahiriyah (Masses' State)
Morocco	1956	Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez)

3**Sunday**

Morocco	1961	Accession of King Hassan to throne
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4**Monday**

Colombia

1982

Effective date of United States-Colombia extradition treaty

5**Tuesday****6****Wednesday**

Ghana

1957

Independence Day

Kurdish regions

1975

Algerian Accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support of the Kurds

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Kurdish regions

1979

Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani

March 1985

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11**Monday**

12**Tuesday**

Mauritius	1968	Independence Day
Turkey	1880	Birthday of Ataturk

13**Wednesday**

Grenada	1979	Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop
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14

Thursday

Japan

1975

Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups

15

Friday

Angola

1962

Founding of National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)

16

Saturday

Armenians

1921

Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing a separate independent state

17

Sunday

Ireland

St. Patrick's Day (Ireland's national day)

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18**Monday**

19**Tuesday**

20**Wednesday**

Colombia	1981	Death of M-19 terrorist Carmona Londono ("La Chiqui")
Tunisia	1956	Independence Day

21**Thursday**

Kurdish regions		Kurdish New Year
Palestinians		"International Day of Solidarity With the Struggle of the Arab People of Palestine Against Israeli Aggressors"
South Africa	1960	"Sharpeville Massacre" of black demonstrators by security forces

22**Friday**

Arab League	1945	Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria)
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23**Saturday**

Pakistan	1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
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24**Sunday**

Argentina	1976	President Isabel Peron ousted by Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla
El Salvador	1980	Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by rightists
Northern Ireland	1972	Beginning of direct rule by the British Government

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25**Monday**

El Salvador	1980	US Embassy attacked by Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) in response to assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero the previous day; since then, FPL attacks have in general been more frequent between 25 March and 6 April than during rest of year
Greece	1821	Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey)
Iraq	1932	Independence Day
Saudi Arabia	1975	Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid

26**Tuesday**

Bangladesh	1971	Independence Day
Egypt, Israel	1978	Peace agreement ratified

27**Wednesday**

28**Thursday**

El Salvador	1980	Government expropriates plantations; Salvation Movement of 28 March (MS-28) takes its name from this event
Italy	1980	Four members of Red Brigades die in shootout with Carabinieri in Genoa
Libya	1970	UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and departed)
Palestinians		National Day

29**Friday**

30**Saturday**

Palestinians	1976	Day of the Homeland
Turkey	1974	Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party

31**Sunday**

Brazil	1964	President Goulart ousted by military coup
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1**Monday**

Armenians The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18

Cyprus 1955 EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence)

El Salvador 1970 Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL)
1980 US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL
1981 Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL

2**Tuesday**

Argentina, United Kingdom 1982 Argentina invades Falklands; 2 April Command takes its name from this event

Iran 1979 Islamic Republic Day

3**Wednesday**

Guinea 1984 Coup d'etat

4**Thursday**

Hungary	1945	Liberation Day
NATO	1950	NATO established
Pakistan	1979	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the Pakistani terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him
Senegal	1960	Independence Day
Syria	1947	Founding of Ba'th Party

5**Friday**

6**Saturday**

Jewish world		<i>Pesach</i> (first day of Passover)
Philippines	1978	Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event
Thailand		Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty)

7**Sunday**

Christian world		Easter Sunday
Ireland	1916	Beginning of insurrection that led to independence
Libya	1976	Student revolution
Yugoslavia	1963	Republic Day (adoption of current constitution)

April 1985

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Monday

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Wednesday

Israel, Lebanon	1973	Israeli raid on Beirut
Yugoslavia	1941	Proclamation of Croatian independence

11**Thursday**

Uganda	1979	Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin)
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12**Friday**

Liberia	1980	National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government)
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13**Saturday**

International		Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Hindu, Sikh, Sinhalese, and Tamil cultures)
Jewish world		Last day of Passover
Lebanon	1975	Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War

14**Sunday**

Orthodox Greeks		Easter Sunday
Hungary	1849	Independence Day
Latin America	1890	Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states)
Niger	1974	Accession of President Kountche
Spain	1931	Founding of Second Republic
Togo	1967	Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema

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15**Monday**

Ireland	1916	Easter Uprising
North Korea	1912	Birthday of Kim Il Sung

16**Tuesday**

Jerusalem, West Bank	Palestinian Prisoners' Day
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17**Wednesday**

Cambodia	1975	Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory)
Cuba	1961	Air Defense Day (Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders)
Libya, United Kingdom	1984	Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a police-woman and wounding 11 others; start of siege by British security forces
Syria	1946	Independence Day

18**Thursday**

Ireland	1949	Inauguration of the republic
Israel		Commemoration of the Holocaust
Lebanon	1983	US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad
Panama, United States	1978	US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty
Zimbabwe	1980	Independence Day

19**Friday**

Colombia	1970	On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists found the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot
Cuba	1961	Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs)
Namibia	1960	Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)
Sierra Leone	1971	Proclamation of the republic
South Korea	1960	Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave the country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations

20**Saturday****21****Sunday**

Greece	1967	National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup)
Haiti	1971	Jean Claude Duvalier installed as president for life upon death of his father, Francois Duvalier

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Wednesday

Armenians	1915	National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre)
Dominican Republic	1965	Beginning of civil war
The Gambia	1970	Republic Day

25**Thursday**

Egypt, Israel	1982	Sinai Day (Israeli withdrawal)
Italy	1945	Liberation Day
Portugal	1974	Revolution Day; Liberty Day (celebrates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date
Swaziland	1967	Kingdom constituted

26**Friday**

Jordan	1949	Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Tanzania	1964	United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar

27**Saturday**

Afghanistan	1978	Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup
Austria	1945	Second Republic established
Sierra Leone	1961	Independence Day
Togo	1960	Independence Day

28**Sunday**

Colombia	1983	Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman
Dominican Republic	1965	US military intervention
Iraq	1937	Birthday of Saddam Hussein

**April-
May 1985**

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Monday

Colombia 1967 Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL)

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Tuesday

Guatemala 1981 Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-31
 1982 Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31

United Kingdom 1980 Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team

Vietnam 1975 North Vietnamese capture Saigon

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Wednesday

El Salvador The first week of May contains several dates of import to leftwing and rightwing elements; consequently, political violence tends to peak during this period

Peru 1980 Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cagallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated throughout May

Socialist world May Day

2**Thursday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine cruiser Belgrano sunk by British naval forces in Falklands war
Jordan	1953	King Hussein assumes constitutional power

3**Friday**

4**Saturday**

5**Sunday**

Ethiopia	1941	Liberation Day
Netherlands	1945	Liberation Day
Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands in hunger strike
Paraguay	1954	Coup against elected government of President Federico Chavez by Gen. Alfredo Stroessner Mattiauda
West Germany	1955	West Germany becomes member of NATO

May 1985

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Monday

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

Czechoslovakia	1945	Liberation Day
East Germany	1945	Liberation Day
El Salvador	1979	Police fire into crowd on steps of San Salvador cathedral who are demonstrating solidarity with leftwing activists that had occupied French and Costa Rican Embassies on 4 May; at least 25 demonstrators are killed
Libya	1984	Armed dissidents attack Qadhafi's Azizya barracks
West Germany	1945	Capitulation of Third Reich

9**Thursday**

Albania	1945	Victory Day
Poland	1945	Victory Day
Romania	1881	Independence Day
USSR	1945	Victory Day
West Germany	1976	Suicide in prison of Ulrike Meinhof, founding member of Red Army Faction (RAF)
Yugoslavia	1945	Victory Day

10**Friday**

Jordan	Arab Resistance Day
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11**Saturday**

Chile	1983	Anti-Pinochet protests put down forcefully by government
	1984	Wave of bombings against government targets

12**Sunday**

May 1985

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13**Monday**

Vatican City 1981 Attempt on life of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Agca

14**Tuesday**

Israel 1948 Republic Day (declaration of independence)

Middle East 1948 Beginning of first Arab-Israeli War

Paraguay 1811 Independence Day

15**Wednesday**

Palestinians 1948 Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event

16**Thursday**

17**Friday**

Norway	1814	Constitution Day (independence day)
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18**Saturday**

Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional IRA hunger striker Raymond McCreesh
Peru	1980	Beginning of Sendero Luminoso armed struggle
South Korea	1980	Civilian uprising in Kwangju against military rule. Usually marked by student demonstrations

19**Sunday**

Cuba	1895	Death of Jose Marti
Vietnam		Ho Chi Minh's birthday

May 1985

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20**Monday**

Cameroon 1972 Declaration of republic
 Saudi Arabia 1927 Independence Day
 Western Sahara 1973 Polisario begins armed struggle

21**Tuesday**

Muslim world *Ramadan* (month of fasting) begins

22**Wednesday**

Sri Lanka 1972 Republic Day

23**Thursday**

China	1951	Tibet declared to be under Chinese sovereignty
West Germany	1949	Proclamation of federal republic

24**Friday**

25**Saturday**

Africa	1963	African Freedom Day; Day of Africa (founding of Organization of African Unity)
Argentina	1810	Beginning of revolution against Spain
Bermuda	1967	Bermuda Day (Constitution adopted)
Colombia	1965	Founding of Communist Party of Colombia/Marxist-Leninist (PCC/ML), the now-defunct parent organization of the terrorist group People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Jordan	1923 1946	Independence Day Constitutional monarchy established
Sudan	1969	May Revolution (coup by General Nimeiri and Revolutionary Council)
Yugoslavia	1892	Birthday of Josip Broz Tito

26**Sunday**

Guyana	1966	Independence Day
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**May-
June 1985**

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Monday

Buddhist world

Birthday of Gautama Buddha

28

Tuesday

France, French Caribbean 1983

Caribbean Revolutionary Alliance (ARC) surfaces with 17 coordinated bombings

29

Wednesday

30**Thursday**

Afghanistan	1919	Independence from Great Britain achieved
Bangladesh	1981	Assassination of Ziaur Rahman
Dominican Republic	1961	Liberty Day (assassination of Gen. Raphael Trujillo)
Israel	1972	Massacre at Lod Airport by members of Japanese Red Army
Nigeria	1967	Declaration of Independence by Biafra

31**Friday**

South Africa	1910	Union Day (four provinces merged to form Union of South Africa)
	1961	Proclamation of republic

1**Saturday**

Cameroon	1972	Proclamation of republic
Greece	1973	Proclamation of republic
Kenya	1963	Madaraka Day (beginning of self-government)
Palestinians	1976	During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies; in response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets

2**Sunday**

Italy	1946	Date of referendum in which Italian voters chose republican form of government
West Germany	1967	Leftist student Benno Ohnesorg killed during demonstration in West Berlin. The terrorist group 2 June Movement (remnants of which eventually joined the Red Army Faction—RAF) takes its name from this incident

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3**Monday****4****Tuesday**

Ghana	1979	Jerry Rawlings takes power for the first time
Israel, Lebanon	1982	First Israeli bombing of Beirut
Tonga	1970	Independence Day

5**Wednesday**

Egypt	1975	Reopening of Suez Canal
Honduras	1965	Constitutional republic reestablished
Middle East	1967	Beginning of Six-Day War
Seychelles	1977	Liberation Day (overthrow of President Mancham by Albert Rene)

6**Thursday**

India	1984	Army storms Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar
Israel, Lebanon	1982	Israeli forces invade Lebanon

7**Friday**

Chad	1982	Hissene Habre seizes N'djamena
Greece	1975	Republican constitution adopted

8**Saturday**

Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iqa (Thunderbolt)
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9**Sunday**

Oman	1965	Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) begins armed struggle
South Africa	1983	Three African National Congress (ANC) terrorists hanged
Sudan	1969	Proclamation of southern autonomy

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10**Monday**

Argentina

1829

Malvinas Day (date from which Argentina claims sovereignty over Falklands)

Portugal

Portugal Day

11**Tuesday**

Libya

1970

Evacuation Day (transfer of US bases)

12**Wednesday**

Hungary

1948

Founding of Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party

Philippines

1898

Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

13**Thursday**

North Yemen	1974	Coup by Col. Ibrahim al-Hamidi (accession of Second Corrective Movement)
Saudi Arabia	1982	Death of King Khalid and accession of King Fahd

14**Friday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine surrender ends Falklands conflict
El Salvador	1975	Founding of Armed Forces of National Resistance (FARN)

15**Saturday**

El Salvador	1979	Communist Party, under Soviet and Cuban pressure, adopts policy of armed struggle; its fighting elements are called Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL)
Japan, United States	1960	Signing of Japan-United States Security Treaty. Violent protests by leftist opponents of the treaty were common on this date through the 1960s
Nicaragua	1979	Somoza regime National Guard kills 185 insurrectionists near US Embassy

16**Sunday**

South Africa	1976	Riots in Soweto
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17**Monday**

France 1983 Mysterious disappearance of Corsican separatist leader Guy Orsoni

East and West Germany 1953 Berlin uprising

Iceland 1944 Independence Day (anniversary of establishment of republic)

18**Tuesday**

Egypt 1953 Evacuation Day (anniversary of proclamation of republic)

19**Wednesday**

Algeria 1965 Revolutionary Recovery Day (overthrow of Ahmed Ben Bella)

Kuwait 1961 Independence Day

20

Thursday

Muslim world

Id al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)

21

Friday

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South Yemen

1969

Coup by National Liberation Front

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Luxembourg

National Day

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24**Monday**

Spain

King's Day

25**Tuesday**North and South
Korea

1950

North Korea invades South Korea, beginning Korean war

Mozambique

1964
1975Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO)
Independence Day**26****Wednesday**

Madagascar

1960

Independence Day

Somalia

1960

Independence Day (northern region)

27

Thursday

Djibouti

1977

Independence Day

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Seychelles

1976

Independence Day

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Zaire

1960

Independence Day

July 1985

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1**Monday**

Argentina	1974	Death of President Juan Peron
Burundi, Rwanda	1962	Independence Day
Canada	1867	Dominion Day
Ghana	1960	Republic Day
Peru		Since 1980, for unknown reasons, Sendero Luminoso terrorists have attacked foreign targets during July at a rate roughly triple that of the rest of the year
Somalia	1960	Republic Day; Independence Day (southern region)

2**Tuesday**

Vietnam	1976	Unification of North and South Vietnam into Socialist Republic of Vietnam
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3**Wednesday**

4**Thursday**

Israel, Uganda, Palestinians	1976	Israeli raid on airport at Entebbe frees hostages from PFLP skyjackers
Philippines	1946	Republic Day (date on which Philippines became independent republic)
United States	1776	Independence Day

5**Friday**

Algeria	1962	Independence Day
Cape Verde	1975	Independence Day
Pakistan	1977	Coup by Gen. Zia Ul-Haq (over-throwing the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)
Rwanda	1973	Coup by Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana inaugurates Second Republic
Venezuela	1811	Independence Day

6**Saturday**

Comoros	1975	Declaration of Independence
Malawi	1964 1966	Independence Day Republic Day

7**Sunday**

Equatorial Guinea	1973	National Day (based on constitution that granted virtually unlimited powers to President Macie; constitution was abrogated when he was overthrown by his nephew, Colonel Obiang)
Solomon Islands	1978	Independence Day
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Serbia)

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8**Monday**

9**Tuesday**

Argentina	1816	Independence Day
Morocco	1929	Birthday of King Hassan II

10**Wednesday**

The Bahamas	1973	Independence Day
Mauritania	1978	Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup)

11**Thursday**

Mongolia	1921	Revolution Day (celebrates independence from China)
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12**Friday**

Kiribati	1979	Independence Day
Northern Ireland	1690	Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne)
Sao Tome and Principe	1975	Independence Day

13**Saturday**

Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Montenegro)
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14**Sunday**

France	1789	Bastille Day
Iraq	1958	Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic)

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15**Monday**

Cyprus 1974 Coup by Greek Army officers

Italy 1983 Four members of Italian counterterrorist team convicted of mistreating Red Brigades prisoners captured during rescue of General Dozier

16**Tuesday****17****Wednesday**

Afghanistan 1973 Republic Day (date Muhammad Daoud led military coup overthrowing his cousin King Zahir Shah and establishing republic)

Colombia 1930 Founding of Communist Party

Iraq 1968 Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup)

18**Thursday**

Spain	1936	Uprising Day (beginning of civil war); Generalissimo Franco's Day
Uruguay	1830	Proclamation of republic

19**Friday**

Nicaragua	1979	Sandinista provisional Junta of National Reconstruction assumes office
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20**Saturday**

Colombia	1810	Independence Day
Cyprus	1974	Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces)
Sri Lanka	1983	Sinhalese backlash sparked by terrorist acts of extremist Tamil separatists leaves hundreds of Tamils dead and thousands homeless

21**Sunday**

Belgium	1831	Independence Day
Northern Ireland	1972	Bloody Friday—20 Provisional IRA bombings in Belfast kill 11 and injure 120

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22**Monday**

Poland 1944 Liberation Day
 1952 People's republic established

Sudan 1971 Countercoup ousts Communists and restores Nimeiri as head of government

Yugoslavia Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Slovenia)

23**Tuesday**

Egypt, Libya 1952 Military coup ousts King Farouk

Greece 1974 Resignation of military junta; return of government to civilian rule

Oman 1970 Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos

24**Wednesday**

Ecuador, Venezuela 1783 Birthday of Simon Bolivar

25**Thursday**

Netherlands	1648	Independence Day
Sri Lanka	1983	Killing of Tamil prisoners in Colombo's Welikade jail exacerbates communal hatred
Tunisia	1957	Proclamation of republic

26**Friday**

Argentina	1952	Death of Eva Peron
Cuba	1953	Day of National Rebellion (attack on Moncada Barracks by 26th of July Movement)
Egypt	1956	Nationalization of Suez Canal
Liberia	1847	Independence Day
Maldives		Independence Day

27**Saturday**

Austria	1955	Restoration of sovereignty under postwar Four Powers' Agreement
North Korea	1953	Korean Victory Day (date of armistice)
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republics of Croatia and Bosnia)

28**Sunday**

Peru	1821	Independence Day
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29
Monday

Nigeria 1966 Coup d'etat by Col. Yakubu Gowon overthrows military government of Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi and establishes Federal Military Government

 1975 Coup d'etat by Brig. Murtala Ramat Muhammad overthrows General Gowon and establishes Federal Executive Council

30
Tuesday

Vanuatu 1980 Independence Day

31
Wednesday

Spain, France 1969 St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques)
 Founding of Basque Fatherland and Freedom (ETA)

1**Thursday**

Benin	1960	Independence Day
Switzerland	1291	Independence Day

2**Friday**

Italy	1980	Bologna train station bombed; neofascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei believed responsible
Vietnam	1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
Yugoslavia	1903	Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

3**Saturday**

Burkina	1983	Coup overthrowing previous military regime (led to 1984 renaming of Upper Volta)
Cyprus	1977	Death of President Makarios
Equatorial Guinea	1979	Coup d'etat (Macias regime overthrown)
	1980	National Day
Niger	1960	Independence Day
Tunisia	1903	President Bourguiba's birthday

4**Sunday**

August 1985

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5**Monday**

The Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica 1962 Emancipation Day (independence from United Kingdom)

Burkina 1960 Independence Day

6**Tuesday**

Bolivia 1825 Independence Day

United Arab Emirates 1966 Accession Day of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nayhan, Emir of Abu Dhabi

7**Wednesday**

Ivory Coast 1960 Independence Day

8**Thursday**

Guatemala	1983	Coup by Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores overthrows President Rios Montt
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9**Friday**

Northern Ireland	1971	Internment without trial introduced
Singapore	1965	Independence Day (secession from Federation of Malaysia)

10**Saturday**

Ecuador	1809	Independence Day
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11**Sunday**

Chad	1960	Independence Day
Jordan	1952	Accession Day for King Hussein

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12**Monday**

Northern Ireland 1689 Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces

13**Tuesday**

Central African Republic 1960 Independence Day
Cuba 1927 Fidel Castro's birthday

14**Wednesday**

Bahrain 1971 Independence Day
Pakistan 1947 Independence Day
 1977 Anniversary of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq's military takeover

15**Thursday**

Bangladesh	1975	Military coup and assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
Burma	1939	Burmese Communist Party established
Congo	1960	Independence Day (overthrow of Youlou regime)
India	1947	Independence Day
North and South Korea	1945	Liberation Day

16**Friday**

Cyprus	1960	Independence Day
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17**Saturday**

Gabon	1960	Independence Day
Indonesia	1945	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

18**Sunday**

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19**Monday**

Czechoslovakia 1968 Invasion by Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops

20**Tuesday**

Morocco 1953 King's and People's Revolution
Senegal 1960 Independence Day (withdrawal from Mali Federation)

21**Wednesday**

Afghanistan 1919 Independence Day
Philippines 1983 Assassination of Benigno Aquino by government security forces

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Romania 1944 Liberation Day

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France 1944 Liberation Day
Uruguay 1825 Independence Day

August- September 1985

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26
Monday

Hong Kong 1945 Liberation Day
 Namibia 1966 Namibia Day (South-West Africa came under UN control)

27
Tuesday

Muslim world *Id al-Adha* (commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son)
 Northern Ireland 1979 Assassination of Earl Mountbatten by Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA)

28
Wednesday

29**Thursday**

Czechoslovakia	1944	Slovak nationalist uprising
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30**Friday**

31**Saturday**

Malaysia	1957	Freedom Day; Malaysia Day (independence from United Kingdom)
Poland	1980	Solidarity trade union founded
Trinidad and Tobago	1962	Independence Day

1**Sunday**

Central African Republic	1981	Coup brings Kolingba regime to power
Ethiopia	1961	Eritreans begin armed struggle
Libya	1969 1973	Coup overthrows monarchy Oil companies nationalized
Palestinians	1970	During this month, the Jordanian Army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of the country because they would not stop attacking Israel from Jordanian soil; in response, the largest group, Fatah, established the covert Black September Organization, best known for its attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich
West Germany, Europe	1939	Antiwar Day (anniversary of Nazi invasion of Poland)

September 1985

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2**Monday**

South Africa

Settlers' Day

Vietnam

1945

Independence Day

3**Tuesday**

Belgium

1944

Liberation Day

Peru

1982

Death of Sendero Luminoso leader Edith Lagos

Qatar

1971

Independence Day

4**Wednesday**

Chile

1970

Election of President Salvador Allende

5**Thursday**

Senegal	1960	Declaration of republic
West Germany	1972	Munich Olympics massacre: Black September Organization kills 11 Israelis; five Arab terrorists and a West German policeman also die

6**Friday**

Palestinians	1970	Beginning of four-day multiple airline hijacking by PFLP: US plane destroyed in Cairo; second US plane, Swissair DC-8, and British DC-8 all destroyed in Jordan; attempted hijacking of El Al plane
Swaziland	1973	Independence Day

7**Saturday**

Brazil	1822	Independence Day
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8**Sunday**

India	1982	Death of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the "Lion of Kashmir"
Lithuanian SSR	1918	National Day (beginning of independence from Russia during period between world wars)

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9**Monday**

Bulgaria	1944	Liberation Day
China	1976	Death of Mao Zedong
North Korea	1948	National Day

10**Tuesday**

Belize	1798	National Day (Battle of St. George's Bay)
Guinea-Bissau	1974	Republic Day (independence from Portugal)
Turkey	1922	Founding of Turkish Communist Party

11**Wednesday**

Chile	1973	Anniversary of coup overthrowing Allende by military junta led by Augusto Pinochet
Ethiopia	1952	Return of Eritrea from Italian and British control under UN resolution
Philippines		Birthday of President Ferdinand Marcos

12**Thursday**

Ethiopia 1974 Overthrow of Haile Selassie

13**Friday**

14**Saturday**

Lebanon 1982 Death of Phalangist leader and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel

15**Sunday**

Muslim world		<i>Hejira</i> (New Year)
Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua	1821	Independence Day
Jewish world		<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> (New Year)
Lebanon	1982	Israeli invasion of Muslim West Beirut

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16**Monday**

Mexico 1810 Independence Day
Papua New Guinea 1975 Independence Day

17**Tuesday**

Lebanon 1982 Massacre in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps (17 September Organization takes its name from this event)

18**Wednesday**

Chile 1810 Independence Day

19**Thursday**

St. Christopher and Nevis	1983	Independence Day
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20**Friday**

Lebanon	1984	Bombing of US Embassy annex
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21**Saturday**

Belize	1981	Independence Day
Malta	1964	Independence Day
Philippines	1972	Martial law established

22**Sunday**

Iran, Iraq	1980	Outbreak of Iran-Iraq war
Mali	1960	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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23**Monday**

New Zealand 1907 Dominion Day
 Saudi Arabia 1932 Unification of the kingdom
 1964 National Day

24**Tuesday**

Ghana 1979 Inauguration of Third Republic

25**Wednesday**

Egypt, Jordan 1984 Resumption of diplomatic relations
 Jewish world *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement)
 Mozambique 1964 Revolution Day

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Thursday

North Yemen	1962	Proclamation of republic (anniversary of revolution)
South Yemen		National Day

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Friday

Spain		Basque National Party (PNV) Day
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Egypt	1970	Death of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
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30
Monday

Botswana	1966	Independence Day
Indonesia	1965	Abortive Communist coup

1
Tuesday

China	1949	National Day (Communist victory over Nationalist forces)
Cyprus	1960	Independence Day
Indonesia		Pancasila Day (celebrates five-point national ideology, which is opposed by conservative Muslims)
Nigeria	1960	Independence Day
	1963	Republic Day
Spain	1936	Generalissimo Franco assumes power
	1939	Caudillo Day
	1975	Four policemen killed in Madrid by First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (GRAPO)
	1976	GRAPO claims responsibility for a series of coordinated bombings

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Wednesday

Guinea	1958	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
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3**Thursday**

Iraq	1932	Independence Day
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4**Friday**

Lesotho	1966	Independence Day (day Moshoeshoe II took oath of office as king for life)
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5**Saturday**

Portugal	1910	Proclamation of republic
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6**Sunday**

Egypt	1981	Armed Forces Day Assassination of President Anwar Sadat
Israel, Arab world	1973	Arab-Israeli war
Shiite world		<i>Ashura</i> (commemorates assassination of Imam Hasan)
Thailand	1976	Military coup against civilian rule; police storm Thammasat University

October 1985

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7**Monday**

Botswana	1966	Independence Day
East Germany	1949	Republic Day
Libya	1970	Fascist Evacuation Day (departure of last Italian settlers)

8**Tuesday**

Argentina	1895	Birthday of Juan Peron
Cuba	1967	Heroic Guerrilla Day (death of Che Guevara in Bolivia)

9**Wednesday**

Burma, North and South Korea	1983	North Korean commandos detonate massive bomb in Rangoon in attempt to assassinate South Korean President, killing 19 South Korean and Burmese officials
Uganda	1962	Independence Day

10**Thursday**

Bolivia	1982	Siles government assumes power
El Salvador	1980	Founding of Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)
Taiwan	1911	Anniversary of revolution that led to founding of Republic of China

11**Friday**

North Yemen	1977	Assassination of President Col. Ibrahim Mohammed el Hamadi
Panama	1968 1972	Revolution that brought Omar Torrijos to power Constitution Day
South Africa		"International Day of Solidarity With South African Political Prisoners"
Yugoslavia	1943	Uprising Day (anniversary of founding of Macedonian Liberation Army; holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

12**Saturday**

Chile	1965	Movement of Revolutionary Left (MIR) founded
Equatorial Guinea	1968	Independence Day
United Kingdom	1984	Bombing by Provisional IRA of Conservative Party conference in Brighton

13**Sunday**

Fiji	1970	Independence Day
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14**Monday**

Madagascar	1958	Proclamation of republic
South Yemen	1967	Independence Day
Thailand	1973	Overthrow of military dictatorship and return to civilian rule
Zaire	1930	Birthday of President Mobutu Sese Seko

15**Tuesday**

Tunisia	1962	Evacuation Day (final departure of French troops from Bizerte)
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16**Wednesday**

17**Thursday**

18**Friday**

Greece	1981	Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) wins elections
West Germany	1977	West German commandos storm PFLP-hijacked Lufthansa plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all hostages; imprisoned RAF terrorists Andreas Baader, Jan Karl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin subsequently commit suicide

19**Saturday**

Grenada	1983	Execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop by leftists seizing power
South Africa	1977	Crackdown on black-consciousness organizations

20**Sunday**

Guatemala	1944	Revolution overthrowing Ubico regime and leading to postwar period of reform
Mongolia	1921	Independence Day

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21**Monday****Somalia**

1969

Anniversary of revolution that brought Siad Barre to power

22**Tuesday**

23**Wednesday****Hungary**

1956

Revolt against Soviet occupation

Lebanon

1983

Bombing by Islamic Jihad of US and French components of the Multinational Force—
299 killed

24**Thursday**

Egypt		Popular Resistance Day; Suez Day
Zambia	1964	Independence Day

25**Friday**

Grenada	1983	US intervention
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26**Saturday**

Austria	1955	Revolution Day (departure of last post-World War II occupation forces)
Iran		Birthday of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Palestinians	1974	Rabat summit conference decides PLO is sole representative of Palestinians

27**Sunday**

Czechoslovakia	1918	Independence Day
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Monday

Cyprus

Greek National Day (observed by Greek Cypriot community)

Spain

1982

Socialist victory in general election

29

Tuesday

Cyprus

Turkish Republic Day (observed by Turkish Cypriot community)

Middle East

1956

Israel, France, and the United Kingdom capture Suez Canal

Turkey

1923

Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

30

Wednesday

31**Thursday**

India	1984	Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards
Iran	1980	Reza Pahlavi declares himself Shah of Iran in exile
Turkey		In late October and November, terrorist activities by the leftwing group Dev Yol have been more numerous than in other months; attacks in 1982 and 1983 appear to have been made in protest of a referendum and an election during November of those years

1**Friday**

Algeria	1981	Revolution Day
Antigua and Barbuda	1981	Independence Day

2**Saturday**

Palestinians	1917	Balfour Day (anniversary of declaration committing Britain to set up Jewish homeland in Palestine)
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3**Sunday**

Dominica	1978	Independence Day
Italy	1918	National Unity Day
Panama	1903	Independence Day
South Korea	1929	Students' Day (student protests against Japanese rule in Kwangju)

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4**Monday**

Ecuador 1983 Founding of Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)

Iran 1979 Seizure of US Embassy by student radicals

 1963 Exile of Ayatollah Khomeini to Turkey

5**Tuesday**

United Kingdom 1605 Guy Fawkes Day (Catholic plot to bomb Parliament thwarted)

6**Wednesday**

Morocco 1979 Green March Day (anniversary of march by unarmed Moroccan citizens into Spanish Sahara)

7

Thursday

Communist world 1917 Great October Socialist Revolution

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Friday

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Saturday

West Germany 1938 *Reichskristallnacht* (Crystal Night—outbreak of anti-Jewish violence)
1974 Death of RAF terrorist Holger Meins from hunger strike

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Sunday

Turkey 1938 Death of Kemal Ataturk

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11**Monday**

Angola 1975 Independence Day
Colombia 1957 Declaration of war on central government by People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Mauritania 1984 Coup that brought current regime to power
Zimbabwe 1965 Independence Day

12**Tuesday**

Austria 1918 Republic Day

13**Wednesday**

Syria 1970 Hafiz al-Assad assumes power

14**Thursday**

Jordan 1935 King Hussein's birthday

15**Friday**

Brazil 1889 Proclamation of republic

Cyprus 1983 Turkish Cypriot unilateral declaration of independence

16**Saturday**

17**Sunday**

Greece 1973 Student uprising at Athens Polytechnic University (terrorist group 17 November
Movement takes its name from this incident)

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18**Monday**

Latvian SSR		National Day
Morocco	1955	Independence Day
Oman	1940	Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthday

19**Tuesday**

Ireland	1798	Death of Wolfe Tone, first Irish revolutionary (annual nationalist pilgrimage)
Mali	1968	Liberation Day

20**Wednesday**

Colombia	1983	Passage of amnesty law and legalization of 19th of April Movement (M-19)
Mexico	1910	Anniversary of revolution overthrowing Diaz regime
Saudi Arabia	1979	Occupation of Grand Mosque in Mecca by conservative Muslims inspired by Iran
Spain	1936	Death of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera (founder of Falange)
	1975	Death of Gen. Francisco Franco and accession of King Juan Carlos

21**Thursday**

Grenada	1973	Bloody Sunday (deaths of New Jewel Movement members)
Libya	1949	Proclamation Day (UN resolution on Libyan independence)

22**Friday**

Lebanon	1943	Independence Day
Spain	1975	Proclamation of Juan Carlos as King

23**Saturday**

24**Sunday**

Kuwait	1965	Amir Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah ascends throne
Zaire	1965	Revolution Day (Second Congolese Republic established)

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25
Monday

Greece	1973	Coup leading to end of military rule
Muslim world	571	Birth of Prophet Mohammad
Suriname	1975	Independence Day

26
Tuesday

Mongolia	1924	Founding of republic
United States, Iraq	1984	Renewal of diplomatic relations

27
Wednesday

Philippines		Birthday of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino
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28**Thursday**

Albania	1912	Independence Day
	1944	Liberation Day
Burundi	1966	Proclamation of republic
Chad	1958	Proclamation of republic
Indonesia	1975	Fretilin declares East Timor independent
Lebanon	1936	Founding of Phalange Party
Mauritania	1960	Independence Day
Panama	1821	Independence from Spain

29**Friday**

Israel	1947	Proclamation Day
Palestinians	1947	International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People (anniversary of partition)
Yugoslavia	1945	Republic Day

30**Saturday**

Barbados	1966	Independence Day
Benin	1975	National Day
South Yemen	1967	Independence Day
	1970	Constitution promulgated

1**Sunday**

Iceland	1918	Independence Day
Portugal	1640	Independence Day
Thailand	1942	Founding of Thai Communist Party
Yugoslavia	1918	First independent state constituted

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2**Monday**

El Salvador	1980	Murder of four American nuns by government troops
Laos	1975	National Day (proclamation of republic)
United Arab Emirates	1971	Abu Dhabi National Day (federation of independent emirates took effect)

3**Tuesday**

Peru	1934	Birthday of Sendero Luminoso leader Abimail Guzman
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4**Wednesday**

Spain	1892	Generalissimo Francisco Franco's birthday
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5**Thursday**

Spain	1982	Death of GRAPO leader Martin Luna
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6**Friday**

7**Saturday**

Burma	1920	National Day (marks student uprising against British rule)
Ivory Coast	1960	Independence Day

8**Sunday**

Greece	1974	Declaration of parliamentary republic
Suriname	1982	Execution of 15 opposition leaders

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9**Monday**

Tanzania 1961 Independence Day
 1962 Republic Day

10**Tuesday**

Angola 1956 Founding of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)
 Middle East 1966 Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

11**Wednesday**

Burkina 1958 Republic Day

12**Thursday**

Europe	1979	NATO decision to modernize nuclear forces by installing Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles
Kenya	1963 1964	Independence Day Republic Day
Kuwait	1983	Bombing of US Embassy and other facilities by members of Iraqi Dawa Party

13**Friday**

Malta	1974	Republic Day
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14**Saturday**

15**Sunday**

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16**Monday**

Bahrain	1961 1971	Accession of Shaykh Isa bin Salman Al Kalifah Independence Day
Bangladesh	1971 1972	Victory Day (de facto independence) Republican constitution becomes effective
South Africa	1961	Founding of military arm of African National Congress (ANC), Umkonto we Sizwe

17**Tuesday**

Bhutan	1907	National Day
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18**Wednesday**

Niger	1958	Republic Day
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Ireland	1948	Proclamation of republic
Nepal	1923	Independence Day
Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

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23**Monday****Egypt**

1956

Victory Day (withdrawal of foreign forces from Port Said and Suez)

24**Tuesday****Libya**

1951

Independence Day

25**Wednesday****Afghanistan**

1979

Beginning of occupation by Soviet troops

Christian world

Christmas

Pakistan

1876

Quaid-i-Azam's birthday

26

Thursday

China

1893

Mao Zedong's birthday

27

Friday

Indonesia

1949

Transfer of sovereignty from Netherlands

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Saturday

Latin America

Equivalent of US April Fools' Day—traditionally sees many hoaxes and bomb threats

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30**Monday****Philippines**

1896

Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

31**Tuesday****Nigeria**

1983

Coups overthrowing Shagari regime

Philippines

1968

Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

Confidential